

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement directed to pending Claims 1-20. The Examiner alleges that the application contains claims directed to the following distinct inventions: Claims 1-15 (Invention I) drawn to an integrated circuit substrate and Claims 16-20 (Invention II) drawn to a method for manufacturing an integrated circuit substrate. The Examiner alleges that the Invention I and Invention II claims define patentably distinct inventions.

In response, Applicants have elected to prosecute Claims 16-20 (Invention II) in the subject patent application. Claims 1-15 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and replaced with new Claims 21-35, which are drawn to the same method as Invention II.

The further species restriction asserted by the examiner with respect to Claims 1-15 is moot, as Applicants have not elected to prosecute Claim 1-15 at this time.

No additional fees should be incurred by the addition of the new Claims since the total number of Claims being prosecuted remains 20 after this Amendment and the number of independent Claims is 3. However, if there are any fees incurred by this Amendment Letter, please deduct them from our Deposit Account NO. 23-0830.

Respectfully submitted,



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